

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are currently pending in the application. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner has indicated that Applicant must elect one of the following four patentably distinct species for prosecution on the merits pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121:

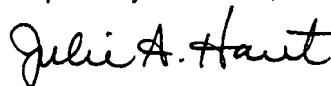
Species 1: Fig. 1
Species 2: Fig. 2
Species 3: Fig. 7
Species 4: Fig. 8

In response, Applicant elects Species 1 for prosecution. Claims 1-15 and 17-25 read on Species 1.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, examination of Claims 1-15 and 17-25 is respectfully requested. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,



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